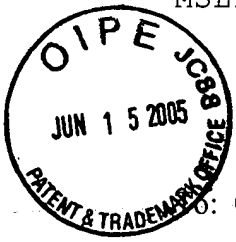


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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 13, 2005, please amend the  
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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the Claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.